

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCE**

COMMISSIONER ORDER

**December 31, 2020
ORDER ISSUED BY COMMISSIONER OF
COMMERCE**

To: All Interested Parties

RE: Deadline Extension for Quadrennial Report

Authority

On March 28, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed House File 4531 into law, granting the Commissioner of Commerce (hereinafter “Commissioner”) the following authority:

(a) In the event of a declaration of emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 12.31, the commissioner of commerce may delay, stay, or waive licensing, investigative, or other deadlines related to the duties and responsibilities of the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 45 to 83, 115C, 216 to 222, 237 to 239, 325F, and 345.

(b) Action taken by the commissioner under this section must:

- (1) treat similarly situated persons equally; and
- (2) be intended to provide relief of safe harbor from legal obligations with respect to licensees or other persons regulated by the Department of Commerce, or to ensure continuity of department operations and processes.

(c) The authority granted under this section remains in effect until 60 days after the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-100 is terminated or rescinded by the proper authority.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-01, declaring a peacetime emergency related to COVID-19.

On April 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-35, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

On May 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-53, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

On June 12, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-75, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

On July 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-78, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

On August 12, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-83, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

On September 11, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-89, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

On October 12, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-92, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

On November 12, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-97, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

On December 14, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-100, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

The Commissioner has the authority to delay, stay, or waive the following licensing, investigative, and other deadlines related to the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner and regulated entities required to effectively continue the business of the Department of Commerce and to assist regulated entities during the current peacetime emergency:

- Regulatory Guidance 20-35 | Approved Deadline Extension (Minn. Stat. §216C.18 Subd. 1)

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED,

1. In order to provide relief or safe harbor from legal obligations with respect to licensees or other persons regulated by the Department of Commerce, or to ensure continuity of department operations and processes, the Commissioner has extended the deadlines and requirements set forth in Minn. Stat. §216C.18 Subd. 1, which is incorporated into and made part of this Order and supersedes Regulatory Guidance 20-07.

2. Each modification set forth in Regulatory Guidance 20-35 shall treat all similarly situated persons equally.

3. A determination that any modification set forth in Regulatory Guidance 20-35 as invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other modification set forth in the above Regulatory Guidance. Rather, the invalid portion will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

4. The Commissioner may amend Regulatory Guidance 20-35 as needed.

This Order shall be effective upon signature by or on behalf of the Commissioner.

Dated: December 31, 2020

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